

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY/TOWN OF GOSHEN WATER SHORTAGE SITUATION REPORT # 1 1700 Hours June 19, 2007

SUMMARY

The Town of Goshen water system was shut down on 14 June due to a leak that occurred on 13 June. A local emergency was declared at 1100 hours, 14 June. Actions are being coordinated to identify leaks in the system and alleviate the adverse conditions

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Routine Operations monitoring Rockbridge County and VA Department of Health Situation Reports

Protective Actions: Local Emergency Declared: Rockbridge County declared a local emergency on 14 June 2007

External Affairs: Coordinating Public Affairs support to Rockbridge County and Town of Goshen with Virginia Department of Health.

WEATHER FORECAST

Rockbridge County: Tuesday night 19 June – Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of shower and thunderstorms. Low temperatures will be in the mid 60's with southwest winds around 10 MPH.

Wednesday 20 June – 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. High temperatures will be in the mid 80's with light and variable winds becoming north around 10 MPH in the afternoon.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management: Coordinating conference call with locality and impacted state agencies. Producing and distributing State Situation Report. Monitoring Situation Reports submitted by VA Department of Health and Rockbridge County.

LOCAL LIAISON: VDEM Local Support Services Region Six Coordinator is on scene providing assistance.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: VA Department of Health (VDH)

VDH Office of Drinking Water staff has been on scene since 14 June assisting in identifying leaks. Boil Water Advisory was issued on 15 June and will remain in effect until further notice. VDH Office of Drinking Water staff is monitoring town's emergency water supply needs and are ready to test the system for contamination once the system returns to operational status.

HUMAN SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing and Human Services: American Red Cross

Blue Ridge Chapter has accepted a request to feed personnel involved in water distribution

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support: VA Department of Emergency Management

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Facilitating information for potable water tankers and bottled water sources. Coordinating request for radio communications from Secretary of Public Safety.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Water levels in the storage tanks did not recover as expected after the water main break was repaired on 14 June and residents reported low water pressure and some reported no water on 15 June. It is suspected that water continues to be lost due to additional leaks within the system. Staff from the VA Rural Water Association is on site with leak detection equipment assisting local officials attempting to locate additional water main leaks. Rockbridge County Emergency Management contracted with Wal-Mart to provide bottled water for the Town of Goshen. The town is distributing bottled water to residents and the VA Department of Corrections, Craigsville Correctional Facility, is providing a 7000 gallon tanker to supplement the 3000 gallon tanker provided by a local contractor to provide potable water for citizens. To ensure adequate fire protection is in place, fire departments in adjacent communities have been placed on stand-by. A local Boy Scout Camp in the Goshen area has opened its facilities to area residents without water for showering and bathing through Friday, 22 June.

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